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In Re Application of: Craig A. Jacks

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Serial No.: Unknown

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For: RECEPTACLE FOR ENCLOSING LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRONIC
DEVICES IN A WALL

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of: EV315607268US, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 1st day of October, 2003.

By

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This is a request for filing a continuation application, under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/516,199 filed on February 29, 2000, for an invention entitled RECEPTACLE FOR ENCLOSING LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN A WALL.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the inventor's DECLARATION of Craig A. Jacks, as originally filed on November 18, 1998.
2. I hereby verify that the enclosed papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/516,199 as filed on February 29, 2000, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

3. Cancel in this application original Claims 2-23 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim has been retained for filing purposes.

4. The filing fee is calculated below:

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|-------|-------|
| FOR: | (1) No. Filed | (2) No. Extra | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER | |
| | | | RATE | FEE | RATE | FEE |
| BASIC FEE | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | \$385 | XXXXX | \$770 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 1 -20= | 0 | X 9= | \$ | X 18= | \$ |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 1- 3= | 0 | X 43= | \$ | X 86= | \$ |
| () MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED | | | +140= | \$ | +280= | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ 385 | XXXXX | \$ |

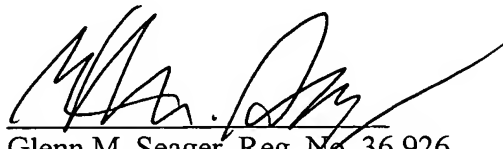
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0413.
6. A check in the amount of \$ 385 .00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
7. A verified statement to establish small entity status in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 is of record in the prior application, and such status is still proper and desired.
8. Amend the specification by inserting, immediately before "Field of the Invention" on page 1 thereof, the sentence --This is a continuation of copending Application Serial No. 09/516,199 filed on February 29, 2000, which in turn is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/193,876 filed on November 18, 1998.--
9. Please find enclosed seven (7) sheets of formal drawings.

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to CROMPTON, SEAGER & TUFTE LLC. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file, and a copy is enclosed. Address all future communications to:

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11. This patent application is assigned to Professional Partners, Ltd, pursuant to the Assignment recorded on July 6, 1999 at Reel 010072, Frame 0342.

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